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BELOW, HIDDEN IN THE THICK JUNGLE, STANDS THE GHOST WHO WALKS, THE MYSTERIOUS PHANTOM! HIS EYES AND EARS FOLLOW THE STRANGE INTRUDER IN THE SKY...

IT'S A PHOTO PLANE! BUT WHAT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOING WITH A SPY PLANE HERE ..UNLESS IT'S NOT AMERICAN .. BUT STOLEN!

THE FALSE SKULL CAVE

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HE'S GONE! BUT WHAT BROUGHT HIM HERE.. UNLESS...

..UNLESS SOMEONE IS DETERMINED TO DISCOVER THE SKULL CAVE! BUT WHO? WHO?

WHO INDEED? A THOUSAND MILES AWAY IN A HIDDEN PHOTO LAB...

GIVE IT TO ME! THE OTHERS CONTAINED NOTHING! ONLY JUNGLE! THIS ONE MAY HAVE WHAT I SEEK!

AH! IT IS THERE! THE EVIDENCE WHICH PROVES THAT THE NATIVES OF BENGALI DID NOT LIE WHEN THEY SPOKE OF THE LEGEND OF SKULL CAVE!

YOU SEE IT IS THERE! THOSE PATHS! THAT STONE OUTCROPPING! THAT IS THE SKULL CAVE! AND IT'S REAL!

SOON, THE MAN CALLED
BUSAS DIRECTS A
FEVERISH PREPARATION...

IT'S EVERYTHING DOWN WELL! IT
MUST WITHSTAND THE SHOCK OF
THE AIR DROP!

ALL IS READY! SOON THE
TREASURE OF THE PHANTOM
WILL BE MINE!

OURS!

LATER, OVER THE
DEEP WOODS...

WE ARE OVER THE
PLACE MARKED ON
OUR CHARTS, BUSAS!
WE WILL RETURN TO
BASE AND AWAIT
YOUR ORDERS!

TRUSTING IDIOTS!
WITH THEM DIES
ALL KNOWLEDGE
OF BUSAS AND HIS
PLANS OF DOMINION!

PERFECT! BUT, OF COURSE EVERYTHING
BUSAS DOES IS PERFECT!

YOU FOOLS! DID
YOU THINK FOR
A MOMENT I
WOULD SHARE
MY DISCOVERY?

I'M ON MY WAY
TO A FORTUNE!

THUGS

SOON THE STRANGE VEHICLE IS CHURNING THROUGH THE JUNGLE...

AH! JUST AS THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW! A PATH! IT WILL LEAD ME TO THE SKULL CAVE!

BUT BUSAS DOES NOT GO UNOBSERVED. THE BANDAR, THE DREADED PYGMY POISON PEOPLE WATCH HIS EVERY MOVE!

THE PHANTOM WILL BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE! BUT, I WILL BE READY IN ANY CASE!

WITH HIS ENGINE MUFFLED TO A WHISPER, BUSAS CLOSSES THE FINAL DISTANCE IN SILENCE!

SO, BUSAS! IT IS YOU! THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT! COME, YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE SKULL CAVE!

DON'T MOVE, PHANTOM! ADMIT CAPTURE AT THE HAND OF BUSAS... OR DIE!

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Y... YOU KNEW I WAS COMING? YET YOU HAVE NOT MADE AN EFFORT TO DEFEND YOURSELF... OR THE TREASURE?



YES, I KNEW! I'VE JUST HAD LUNCH! HAD YOU ARRIVED EARLIER YOU COULD HAVE JOINED ME!

YOU WON'T FOOL ME WITH TRICKERY! TELL YOUR GUARDS I WILL KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T DO AS I SAY!

I HAVE NO GUARDS, MR. BUSAG! YOU SEE WE ARE QUITE ALONE!



THEN YOU ARE A BIGGER FOOL THAN I THOUGHT! TAKE ME TO THE TREASURE!

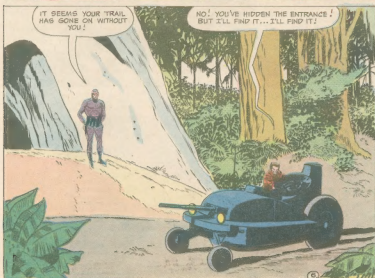
THE LEGENDS ABOUT THE PHANTOM TELL OF GREAT RICHES! FEW MEN BELIEVE IN LEGENDS!



HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE! THE TREASURE IS NOT A LEGEND! IT IS QUITE REAL!

AND NOW...IT IS MINE!





YOU'RE NOT AS SMART AS YOU THINK,
PHANTOM! MY TRAIL IS THERE! YOU'VE
COVERED THE ENTRANCE.. BUT NOT EVEN
YOU COULD COVER A TRAIL THAT IS FIFTY
MILES LONG!

HA HA HA NOT
EVEN YOU COULD
MANAGE A FEAT
LIKE THAT!

HIS WORDS WERE TRUE,
MY FRIENDS! NOT EVEN
I COULD COVER A TRAIL
50 MILES LONG.. BUT
YOU DID!

IT IS SAD THAT MEN WITH EVIL
IN THEIR HEARTS MUST PERISH
AS THEY DO! YET PERISH THEY
DO BY THEIR OWN GREED!

THE TREASURE WILL BE SAFE! WHEN
JUSTICE IS DONE WE WILL FIND IT
AND RETURN IT TO ITS RIGHTFUL
PLACE! UNTIL THAT DAY THE EVIL BUSAS
MAY HAVE IT!

THE END

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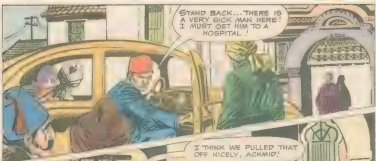
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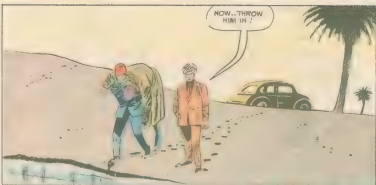


FAR FROM THE DEEP WOODS - THE PHANTOM TRAVELS IN SECRET
ON ONE OF HIS MANY VISITS TO THE SHADOWED AREAS OF MYSTERY
ALONG THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN SEA...

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PHANTOM? DID IT HAPPEN
THAT HE ACTUALLY PERISHED?

NOT LIKELY SINCE THE
GHOST WHO WALKS IS
NO ORDINARY PERSON!

LUNGS BURSTING...
GOT...TO...REACH...

PER...
DID...
WHY?

DRUGGED!
UNDERWATER!
THIS IS NO DREAM!
NO...IT'S TRUE!

SURFACE!

BY NOW THE
PHANTOM'S BODY
IS BEING WASHED
OUT TO SEA... AND
WE ARE ON THE
WAY TO THE
AIRPORT!

THE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE HAS
WEAKENED THE PHANTOM'S BODY
.. BUT NOT HIS MIND!

WHY? WHY HAS SOMEONE TRIED
TO KILL ME? SOMEONE WHO KNOWS
WHO I AM.. UNLESS.. UNLESS..

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE REASON! TO
REPLACE ME! KILLING ME HERE WOULD
SERVE NO PURPOSE.. UNLESS MY
MURDERER WAS GOING TO TAKE MY
PLACE...

WHOEVER HAS DONE THIS.. I MUST STOP
BEFORE HE SUPPLANTS MY REIGN!

HIS FIRST ACT WILL BE TO TAKE
MY THRONE! THE BANDAR MUST
BE WARNED!

I MUST REACH
OPEN SEA...

!

THREE DAYS LATER:

I HAVE RETURNED

THIS WILL BE THE TEST! IF THEY ACKNOWLEDGE ME... I WILL BE THEIR MASTER!

PHANTOM!

PHANTOM!

PERFECT! THEY SUSPECT NOTHING! I HAVE DONE THE IMPOSSIBLE! I HAVE REPLACED THE PHANTOM!

WH? NO! IS THIS HOW YOU TREAT THE MIGHTY PHANTOM?

YOU ARE NOT THE PHANTOM! PHANTOM IS FAR AWAY! HE SEND MESSAGE.. TELL US YOU COME! TELL US YOU LIE! TELL US... CAPTURE YOU!

MESSAGE? BUT HOW? EVEN IF HE DIDN'T DIE NO MESSAGE COULD GET HERE BEFORE ME!

BIG FISH WHO RULE THE OCEAN HEAR PHANTOM'S MESSAGE; TELL MESSAGE TO BANDAR! BANDAR HEAR! BANDAR, READY FOR YOU!

THE PHANTOM WILL ALWAYS BE READY...

HUMM! SO SCIENCE IS JUST NOW DISCOVERING THAT WHALES CAN COMMUNICATE FROM ONE OCEAN TO ANOTHER BY USE OF DEEP WATER CHANNELS OF COLD WATER! WELL, BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

AMAZING FACT

WHALES CAN

END

NO GHOSTS HERE

PRETTY PRISCILLA JONES WAS THE SOLE
HEIR TO AN OLD CASTLE...AND SHE PRE-
PARED TO SPEND HER FIRST NIGHT THERE
.... ALONE!

PAIII

THAT MOANING SOUND...IT'S EERIE!
I'LL CALL A REAL ESTATE AGENCY IN THE
MORNING, AND HAVE SOMEONE CHECK
IT OUT!



SO, THE NEXT DAY, A PERSONABLE YOUNG MAN APPEARED AT THE CASTLE.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY I HEARD
THAT GHASTLY SOUND?

WERE-Y THE WIND DOWN THE
CHIMNEY, MISS JONES! I'LL FIX IT
IN A MINUTE!

THAT'S GREAT, THANK YOU!
I EVER THANK YOU?

I'M SURE YOU CAN THINK
OF A WAY, MISS JONES!



WHY...YES, I CAN
...THANK YOU!

YOU'RE
WELCOME!



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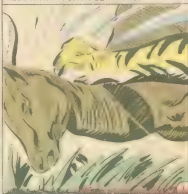
HE'S TEN FEET FROM NOSE TO TAIL AND HE WEIGHS MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS BUT HE CAN MOVE THROUGH THE DRIED GRASSES AND BRUSH WITHOUT A WHISPER OF SOUND! THIS IS THE *REAL* KING OF THE JUNGLE. THE MAGNIFICENT YELLOW-AND-BLACK TIGER OF ASIA!

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HE'S GOT A BIG APPETITE AND THE MEANS OF SATISFYING IT! HE CAN KILL A DEER WITH ONE SAVAGE TWIST OF THE NECK....



OR THE TIGER CAN SMASH HIS PREY'S NECK WITH A POWERFUL BLOW OF A PAW...



IN INDIA,
MAN-EATING
TIGERS USED TO
KILL MORE THAN
A THOUSAND
PEOPLE A YEAR...
...A NUMBER
CONSIDERABLY
REDUCED IN
RECENT YEARS!
TERRIFIED
VILLAGERS USED
TO LOCK THEIR
DOORS AT
SUNDOWN AND...



TIGERS BEHAVE IN AN UNPREDICTABLE
MANNER! THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN A
TIGER NOISELESSLY STALKED A POTENTIAL VIC-
TIM... NOSED HIM...



AND THEN SOMETIMES WALKED AWAY...



THE TIGER
RANGED FROM
NORTHERN
SIBERIA WHERE
HE GREW TO
MORE THAN
TWELVE FEET
IN LENGTH...
...HAVING A
LONG, WARM
FUR...



BUT MAN HAS
BEEN WINNING
THE WAR AGAINST
THE TIGER!
WOODCUTTERS
DESTROY THE
JUNGLE WHERE
THE TIGER
ONCE ROAMED
FREELY....



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HEAD OF A BIG SPECIMEN HERE IN THE UNITED STATES!
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OTHER TRAFFICKERS IN TIGER
SKINS USE A DEADLIER,
SAFER METHOD....



WHATEVER METHOD
WAS USED, ALL OF
THEM HAVE SUCCEEDED
IN REDUCING ALL
SPECIES OF TIGER TO
THE POINT OF NEAR
EXTINCTION! TODAY,
THE TIGER IS
PROTECTED BY LAW
IN RUSSIAN SIBERIA
AND IN INDIA AND
OTHER STATES!
THE TIGER IS
UNPROTECTED IN
KOREA AND CHINA...
AND IS JUST
ANOTHER CITIZEN OF
THE WORLD THAT HAS
ALMOST BEEN MASS-
MURDERED BY MAN!



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Here is a simplified key to help you pronounce the vowels in the words: *e* is somewhere between the *e* of better and the *ay* of day; *o* is like the *o* in *open*; *i* is like the *ee* in *meet*; *a* is like the *a* in *father*; and *u* is like the *aw* in *saw*. As you need them, we will explain the consonants. However, *dh* is a combination like the *th* in *them*. *Q* and *X* are not used in Kiswahili. *C* is not found alone but only in the combination *Ch* which is pronounced like the *Ch* in *Church* or *China*. *Sh* is like the *Sh* in *Shin*. *Ng* is like the *ng* in *finger* and *Mg* is like the *ng* in *sing*.

Fortunately for you, Kiswahili is not a tonal language. Chinese is such a language. And the change in pitch does not change the meaning in Kiswahili but does change it in Chinese. For example, the word for *sell* is pronounced the same way as the word for *buy* in Chinese but the tone is different.

Now for the stress. In general, the next to the last syllable of a Kiswahili word or phrase receives a stress. Which consists of a slight increase in loudness. Usually, with some increase also in length.

This time you are going to take a trip by plane. Ndege - airplane. Also: Ndege ulaya - airplane. This actually means European bird. For the word *ndege* means bird. However, the word *cropland* is also used. To fly is - *ruka*. Aliruka kwa ndege ulaya - she flew by plane. Dada yangu alikwenda Dar es Salaam kwa ndege - My sister went to Dar es Salaam by plane. Wasafiri mara myingi? - Do you travel often? Hapana, sisafiri mara nyini, nasafiri chache tu. - No, I do not travel often, I travel only a little. Waruka kwa ndege mara myingi? - Do you fly often? Hapana, siruki kwa ndege mara myingi - No, I do not fly often.

Ndege namba 23 fika sad ngapi? - What time does flight 23 arrive? Ndege namba 23 ondoka saa ngapi? - What time does flight 23 leave? Isitirini na tatu - 23. Ndege namba 32 yaenda Baltimore? - Does flight 32 go to Baltimore? The- lathini na mbili - 32. Hapana, hatendi Chicago, yaenda Los Angeles. - No it doesn't go to Chicago, it goes to Los Angeles. Nilibadilisha ndege huko Kansas City. I changed planes in Kansas City. badilisha - to change. Nitakwenda Afrika

Mashariki mwezi kesho. - I am going to Africa next month. Kwenda - to go. Mwezi kesho - next month.

You have to get to the airport. Wapi uwanja wa ndege? - Where is the airport? Nataka kwenda uwanja wa ndege. - I want to go to the airport. Ni bei gani kwa teki uwanja wa ndege? - How much does a taxi cost to the airport? If a friend takes you there by his car, then *mtakaa* - car. You may also be able to go to that airport by bus. *Motakaa* ya abiri - bus. Nilikuja hapa kwa mtakaa ya abiri. - I came here by bus. Nilikuja hapa kwa gari la moshi. - I came here by train. Nilikuja hapa kwa ndege. - I came here by plane. For you may be asked: How did you get here? - *Ulikifika* hapa? Also. I didn't arrive in the morning. *Sikufika* asubuhi. *Sikuondoka* nyumbani asubuhi. - I didn't leave home in the morning. *Ulikika* jioni? - Did you arrive in the evening? *Sikufika* jioni, *Nilikika* mchana. I didn't arrive in the evening, I arrived in the afternoon.

You still have to buy your ticket: Nataka kwenda Dar es Salaam. - I want to go to Dar es Salaam. Nataka tikiti ya Kwenda tu. - I want a one way ticket. Nataka tikiti kwenda na kurudi. - I want a round trip ticket. Kiti changu ni namba gani? - What is my seat number?

You might like to go by boat. But the plane is faster to use it. And if you do feel a bit sick up in the air, you say: Nasikia vibaya. I feel sick. Pleasant journey?

Word study: *Shughuli* - or *Shughulu* - means business, occupation, trouble, worry, work, task, career. Ana shughuli - He is busy. *Shughuli* na nchi - public affairs. Or sometimes, *Shughuli* za nchi

Jambo - matter, affair, thing. Jambo is the commonest greeting and means: How do you do? Hujambo - How are you? The answer can be either Jambo, or sijambo. If you spoke to several people, instead of saying jambo, you would say: Jamboni. Actually, hujambo means you have nothing the matter with you? You are well? It is really in question form. So that actually sijambo means there is nothing wrong with the person replying.

Tear out this sheet and save it. Tell your friends there will be more lessons about this wonderful language. Be the first in your group to speak it. Each lesson is independent so you can go ahead even if you missed any other lesson.

IN THE MOST REMOTE SECTION OF BENGALI LOOMS THE INFAMOUS CRATER, MORPHEUS NEGRI, 'THE CONE OF THE BLACK SLEEP.' WHEN LIFE RETURNS TO THE LONG DORMANT VOLCANO THE NATIVES OF BENGALI FLEE IN PANIC FROM THE OZZING CLUTCHES OF THE DREADED FUMES FROM THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH. NO MAN IS IMMUNE TO ITS POWER.



NO MORE!

BLACK GAS.. OF
MORPHEUS.. NEGRI!
AAAAHHH!



THE VAPORS OF VULCAN THE PHANTOM



SOON THE JUNGLES FALL SILENT. EVEN THE DEEP WOODS.

IN THE SILENCE, STRANGE,
OTHER WORLDLY FIGURES
GO ABOUT AN APPARENTLY
FAMILIAR RITUAL.

THEY RUN NOISELESSLY
THROUGH THE DEEPEST
PART OF THE JUNGLE AND
SOON THEY ARE JOINED
BY OTHERS OF THEIR
KIND..

THEIR DESTINATION..
THE CRATER OF...
MORPHEUS NEGRI !

WITH PRACTISED STEP
THE FIGURES HURRY
DEEP INTO THE CONE! A
SINGLE FALSE STEP
WOULD PITCH THEM...
AND THEIR BURDEN
INTO THE CAULDRON
OF MOLTEN LAVA.

SUDDENLY... A
SOUND...

THE END OF THE
STRANGE JOURNEY
ON THE MOUNTAIN
AND THE RAPID...

THE GHOST
WHO WAS
... HERE.

LET THEM
TREASURE
FROM MY
SIGHT... BUT
LEAVE THE
PRISONERS!





WHAT INSANE FOOL WOULD
BRING THE PHANTOM HERE?
DESTROY THEM... DESTROY
THEM ALL!

THEY CAME IN
SILENCE... NOW
THE WRETCHED
CREATURES
DEPART IN
SILENCE...
FOREVER...

SO, THE PHANTOM!
SINCE I MUST
ACCEPT THE STUPIDITY
OF MY SLAVES WHO
HAVE THRUST YOU INTO
MY DOMAIN, SO YOU
MUST ACCEPT THEIR
FATE... SEIZE HIM!

YOU CANNOT
BREAK FREE,
PHANTOM! WE
HAVE LEARNED
THE SECRET OF
WEAVING DIAMONDS!
YOUR ROPES ARE
FAR STRONGER THAN
YOUR PUNY MUSCLES!

SO THIS THE INFAMOUS
BRILLA! RULER OF A
KINGDOM BENEATH THE
LAVA! MY ANCESTORS
WROTE OF HER IN THE
PHANTOM DIARIES!

OF COURSE YOUR EXPLOITS ARE WELL KNOWN BY US! THE FOOLISH NATIVES HAVE SPOKEN OF YOU FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!

YES, WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, THOUGH BY MERE MORTAL STANDARDS YOUR REIGN ABOVE IS BUT A SINGLE HOUR ON A CLOCK WHICH COUNTS MY RULE IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

HOW YOUR PITIFUL SUBJECTS QUAKE, PHANTOM! HAVE YOU NEVER TOLD THEM WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO GIVE THEMSELVES SO THAT WE MAY LIVE!

CAN SHE ACTUALLY BE IMMORTAL?

SHE EXTRACTS THEIR LIVES TO EXTEND HER OWN!

...THE EGYPTIANS ATTEMPTED TO DUPLICATE WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN FOR CENTURIES! THESE CASES ARE EMPTY NOW! BUT SOON THEY WILL HOLD A MORTAL IN SUSPENDED LIFE UNTIL IT IS TIME TO TRANSFER THAT LIFE INTO OUR OWN VEINS!

THE EGYPTIANS SUCCEEDED ONLY IN PRESERVING DEAD BODIES! I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PRESERVING MY LIFE FOR TEN THOUSAND YEARS!



UNTIL NOW I HAVE BEEN CONTENT
TO RULE ALONE! FORTUNE HAS
SHOWN ME THE ERROR OF MY WAYS!
YOU WILL SHARE MY RULE! YOU
HAVE NO CHOICE!

NO
CHOICE

YES, GHOST
WHO WALKS! NO
CHOICE! WITHIN THE
HALF HOUR YOU AND I
AND ALL MY KINGDOM WILL
BE SEALED BENEATH MORPHEUS
NEGRI FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

SHE'S RIGHT!
THE ENTIRE
MOUNTAIN IS
SOLID DIAMOND!
NOTHING COULD
PENETRATE THOSE
WALLS!

... ONCE EACH 100 YEARS
THE LAVA SUBSIDES LONG ENOUGH
FOR MY SLAVES TO REPLENISH MY
CRYPTS OF LIFE! THEN IT FILLS THE
CRATER AGAIN. ONCE THE DIAMOND
DOOR IS COVERED THERE IS NO
ESCAPE!

WHAT
IS YOUR
ANSWER,
PHANTOM?

TEN
THOUSAND
YEARS WITH
ME... OR A
BRIEF MOMENT
BEFORE YOU
EXCHANGE YOUR
LIFE ESSENCE
THAT WE CAN
SURVIVE?

LET ME TAKE ESCAPE!

THE DIAMOND DOOR...
MY ONLY CHANCE...

AHH... RED
HOT! BUT I
MUST TRY! I
MUST!

DESTROY
HIM!

MADE IT!

THOUGH
HE ESCAPED
WITH HIS LIFE
... HIS THOUGHTS
ARE OF THE
LESS FORTUNATE
... AS ALWAYS...

THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD
DO FOR THEM... OR WAS THERE?
I'LL NEVER KNOW! BUT MY
DIARY WILL TELL OF BRILLA AND
HER KINGDOM! MY GRANDSON
WILL AVENGE THIS SAD DAY
100 YEARS FROM NOW!

THE
END

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